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Case No. 10908/9

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: Craig Van Buuren

Appln. No.: 10/796,557

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR SIMULATING A BIOLOGICAL  
HEAP LEACHING PROCESS

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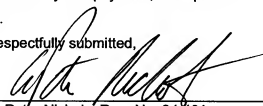
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Dear Sir:

Applicants are filing an RCE today because no Advisory Action was received in response to the November 27, 2007 Response filed by the Applicants to the Final Rejection mailed October 4, 2007. Because an Advisory Action was never mailed, Applicants believe that an extension fee is not due. If, however, the Office disagrees, the Office is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE).

Respectfully submitted,

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